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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Tomokazu KAWAMOTO**

Group Art Unit: **2813**

Serial No.: **10/673,565**

Examiner: **Tuan NGUYEN**

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For: **METHOD FOR FABRICATING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE**

Attorney Docket Number: **031731**
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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

August 6, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 6, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.